

BEHIND THE SCENES IN POLITICS

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The ordinary political convention is a collection of wild animals, whose antics are extremely amusing, but absolutely without form and void. Nothing outside of a cage full of monkeys can present such an example of futile activity. Each delegate is duly ticketed and loaded with his proper credentials and fondly imagines that he really is of some importance in the gathering; that is, he does if he is a "green hand." If he is a seasoned campaigner he knows that he merely "represents the people," and the chairman and secretary of the convention "represent" the delegates, and the "bosses" represent the chairman and secretary. By means of this sliding scale of actual power it will be seen that the "bosses" represent the people!

It was my deep delight to have attended a number of political conventions. The "will of the people" stood about "duce high" in the political deck. The will of the "bosses" was always the "ace," and it could be and was turned from the bottom or top just as the emergencies demanded.

Imagine a long, low, rakish hall, the atmosphere a waxy blue with tobacco smoke. Aisles are cut through to the platform and hand in their out-dated communications. The different districts are ranged about the hall, each with its particular spot to stay in, like checkers on a board before the game begins. Many of the delegates are in their shirt-sleeves, and many are talking wildly, gestulating powerfully and in other ways molding the destinies of their country. The very few who are not smoking are choking.

On the platform are two tables, at which the chairman of the convention sits, he having been chosen by the powers that be. He is a mere puppet in their hands, understanding what they want, and at any and all times ready to carry out their wishes. The secretary is a mere echo; the assistant secretaries mere assistant echoes. Two or three highly respectable stout-bodied men of various titles sit on the stage to deceive the unintelligent observer into the belief that things are "on the square." A pitcher of water is on the chairman's desk, for he will open the convention with a speech. In that speech he will glorify the proud history of his own party and skin, salt and pepper the opposition, smokehouse the hide of the opposite party. This is a species of buncombe which is always indulged in.

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The old stagers always enjoy these interludes. They smile grimly, get a fresh grip on their cigars and elevate the weeds reminiscently in a skyward angle. They keep watchful cognizance when their warls are about to be reached and, if chairmen, rise instantly at the word, shout clearly the vote and whether it be recorded right or wrong, they settle down stoically into the attitude of mere spectators. Far be it from them to "holer" if the cards are "stacked" against them. They would do the same if they had the power. The other fellows have the whip-hand today; when it shifts they will give their opponents the same dose. But to revert around on the floor wailing out "Meestair Chairmann," not for them. They are too wise to resort to such puerile foolishness.

Nothing can exceed the perfect repose which marks the proceedings as relates to the officers and head men who have in the cage. There is not a shadow of a smile on the countenances of the chairman and his assistants, and the "bosses" move around on the floor of the convention or ascend to the platform with an entirely serene and virtuous air which would indicate extreme self-sacrifice and the most absolute fairness to their opponents.

But once the business is concluded, over the cigars and cocktails these genial gentlemen will unbend and relate delightedly and with rare humor the amusing comedies played on the convention floor. They have remembered the very voices and gestures of the reformers and patriots, they can imitate, and perfectly, the surprised scream of the plundered delegation, or the stentorian yelp of the hard-boiled orator. They enjoy these things with the gusto of the connoisseur, the political bon vivant. But at the hall, and in the midst of the carnage, they are as suave as panthers and as remorseless as cannibals. "Everything goes in politics," is their motto, that is, everything but honesty.

Coming back from my last political convention I met Jack Derby in the "smoker." Jack was from the ward next to mine, and I had missed him just before the voting began. I had noticed a stranger in his seat when I came in rather late, but still in time to vote. Jack was moody and his head was done up in a gaudy handkerchief. "What's up?" I said to him. "I didn't see you when the votes were being cast."

"They thru me out," was his reply. "I went over to see a friend of mine in the Fourteenth and when I got back to my seat they was a guy there in it. I grabbed him and he caught hold of me arms. The 'sarge' (sergeant-at-arms) came running up and this guy gives him the wink and says 'This fellow's a pick-pocket. Before I could hand him one the 'sarge' grabs me—he's seven feet long and four feet through—and he wings me to the door in four jumps and fires me by the neck and pants. See? An' I lose me vote. An' I don't get in the hall again."

"That's tough, Jack," was my consolatory reply. "Derby, with an injured air, 'an' I was goin' to vote right all the time. I think that sergeant must be bugs."

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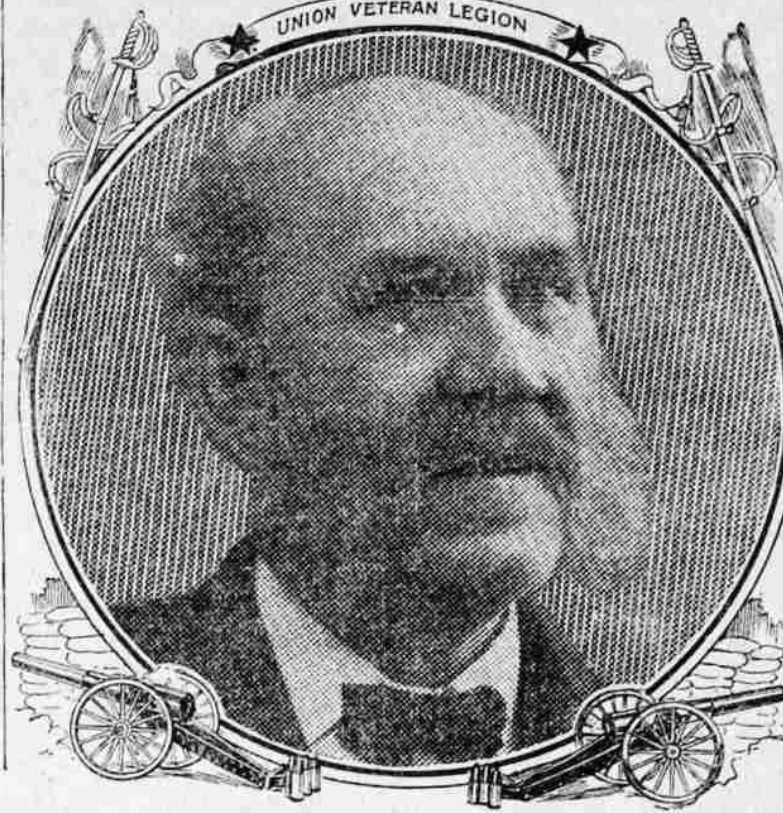
Mr. James P. Bracken, 610 Tenth Ave., New York City, has occupied the office of Water Inspector of New York City for the past fifteen years. He carries on an extensive plumbing business at 610 Tenth Ave. He is Post Deputy of Grand Knights of Columbia, N. Y. He writes as follows: "For nearly a dozen years catarrh has bothered me in one form or another. I was troubled with nasal catarrh, that had affected my stomach, which troubled me most in the morning. My appetite was poor, and I did not seem to relish my food. Indigestion bothered me at times, also."

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